(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As stated in reply to para 'c' of the Unstarred Question No. 1644 given in Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2006, an amount of Rs. 25 Lakhs was paid as compensation to the persons who were cultivating the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's land proposed for the hospital, as one time cash grant, for loss of their earnings. No payment was made by Coal India Limited (CIL) to Kolkata Municipal Corporation towards cost of land. Hence the title deed of land has not been transferred in the name of CIL.

Allocation of coal to NCCF

†2455. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of 20 lakh tonnes of coal which is made to National Consumer Co-operative Federation (NCCF) every year for distributing the same among the consumers by his Ministry is continuing at present or not;

(b) the quantum of coal allocated to NCCF during the last financial year and the quantity out of it lifted by NCCF;

(c) the quantum of coal distributed among the consumers out of the coal lifted by NCCF during the last financial year; and

(d) the details of these consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. 20 lakh tonnes of coal was allocated to National Consumer Co-operative Federation (NCCF) during the last financial year (2006-07) which is still continuing on pro-rata basis during the current financial year.

(b) During the last financial year (2006-07), NCCF lifted only 1.49 lakh tonnes of coal against the allocation of 20 lakh tonnes of coal.

(c) and (d) Coal India Limited (CIL) has reported that such details are not maintained by them.

Coal gasification projects

2456. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote *in situ* coal gasification;

(b) if so, whether such a technology is commercially viable; and

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